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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
MAR 14 2003 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/862,585
Filing Date	May 23, 2001
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Group Art Unit	3632
Examiner Name	K. Chan
Attorney Docket Number	01907.00P124

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 14, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<u>03/17/2003</u> MDANTE1 00000028 09062565	375.00 UP
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	<u>01 FC:2601</u>	375.00 UP
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	<u>03/17/2003</u> MDANTE1 00000028 09062565	375.00 UP
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	JL REC'D	375.00 UP

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated November 14, 2002, for one month from February 14, 2003 to March 14, 2003, and submit \$55.00.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

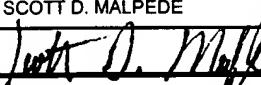
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	SCOTT D. MALPEDE	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,533
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Date	March 14, 2003		

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